

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Order No. EO 16-51**

**Wholesale Dealer reporting requirements of wild  
commercial oysters received from Saltwater Product  
License holders from the Apalachicola Bay System,  
Franklin and Gulf Counties**

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission of the State of Florida, acting under the authority of Article IV, Section 9, of the Florida Constitution, and acting through its Executive Director under Delegations of Authority Paragraph 17 and Paragraph 22, hereby establishes special regulations related to Wholesale Dealer reporting of all wild oysters commercially harvested from the Apalachicola Bay System as described in 68B-27.013(1), Florida Administrative Code (FAC), Franklin and Gulf Counties, for the period beginning December 5, 2016 through March 10, 2017. These actions are being taken in order to proactively conserve oyster resources. The special regulation is as follows:

1. Beginning on December 5, 2016 and continuing through March 10, 2017 a Wholesale Dealer receiving any wild oysters commercially harvested by a Saltwater Products License holder from the Apalachicola Bay System as described in 68B-27.013(1), FAC, must: (a) only receive oysters specially identified by a State of Florida tag indicating that the oysters have passed through a monitoring station as defined by 68B-27.016, FAC; (b) immediately prior to processing or selling, remove and store the State of Florida tags, (c) provide the State of Florida tags to Commission authorized personnel on a daily basis or as requested; and (d) upon request, provide Commission authorized personnel a daily accounting of the total number of pounds of wild oysters in the shell received from a Saltwater Product License holder.
  
2. This order shall take effect at 12:01 A.M. on December 5, 2016 and shall expire at 12:01 A.M. on March 11, 2017, unless rescinded earlier.

Specific Authority:  
Law Implemented:

Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution  
Article IV, Section 9, Florida Constitution and 120.81(5), Florida Statutes



Given under my hand and seal of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2016.

for Nick Wiley  
Executive Director

Attest  
Agency Clerk